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1. claims: 1-12

A fluorinated polymer suitable for ion exchange prepared by grafting at least one grafting monomer of formulae 1a or 1b, onto at least one base polymer as described in the application claim 1.

2. claims: 13-17

An independent ion exchange membrane which is not dependent on any preceeding application claim. The said membrane comprising fluorinated polymer as described in application claim 13.

3. claims: 18-31

An independent grafting process as described in application claim 18, which is not dependent on any previous application claim.

4. claims: 32-39

An independent catalyst coated membrane comprising various surfaces as described in the application claim 32, and not dependent on any previous application claim.

5. claims: 40-59

An independent membrane electrode assembly as described in the application claim 40, and not dependent on any previous application claim.

6. claims: 60-72

An independent electrochemical cell as described in the application claim 60, which is not dependent on any previous application claim.

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